City of Redmond Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Monday, January 9, 2012 6:30-8:30 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>: Steve Daschle, Jason Dick, John Enslein, Lynn Fleshman, Miles Mitchell, Kerry Smith, Connie Stansberry

Staff Present: Colleen Kelly, Brooke Buckingham

Guest: George (no last name given) – a Redmond High School Senior

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved by Jason Dick, and seconded by Lynn Fleshman, to approve the summary of the December 12, 2011, meeting, with two corrections.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

Updates from Commissioners:

Steve Daschle commented on the good candidates who have come forward with interest in filling the Commissioner position vacated by Diana Farrow. Steve and Colleen Kelly have recently had phone interviews with two of the candidates, Colin Patrick Klein and Valerie Bays, and these individuals will now meet with the Mayor on Friday, January 13. It is hoped this appointment can be fast-tracked to Council for approval, possibly at the first meeting in February.

Colleen spoke about the winter shelters. There has been steady attendance at both; however, attendance at the men's shelter is somewhat lower than last year. Attendance at the women's and children's shelter is increased over the previous year, likely due to the fact that they have a shelter that is separate from the men's shelter. Funding to keep the shelters open through March is still lacking by \$20,000. It is possible some United Way money may become available, as well as some one-time money from the YWCA. Colleen expressed concern about early closure on March 1, as it is still very possible there will be bad weather at that time of the year.

Kerry inquired whether there is any data being collected from individuals who are coming to the shelters. Colleen assured that this is being done, and indicated that Joe Ingram and the Together Center will have that information, which Colleen will ask be shared with the Commissioners.

At the January 17 meeting of the City Council a Public Hearing will be held on the Section 8 Housing issue. This proposed Ordinance says that landlords would be prohibited from denying tenants on the basis of Section 8 rent payment. Council will be taking testimony regarding Section 8 rent issues. One significant question from the Council has to do with whether this issue is due to landlord hardship. Steve inquired about the appropriateness of the Human Services Commission taking a stand on this issue, and whether it would be useful to be present at the Public Hearing to testify. Following some discussion a motion was made by Kerry and seconded by Connie that the Human Services Commission endorses the Ordinance prohibiting refusal to rent based on Section 8 payment. Colleen will determine if it is appropriate for Commissioners to testify in their role as a Commissioner, or whether testimony could be taken as a citizen.

Old Business – Filter Deep Impact Projects

The topic of major discussion at this meeting centered around a ranking system for deep impact projects that have been suggested by the Commission at their recent retreat. Brooke and Colleen have begun this process by addressing specific questions for each of the proposed deep impact projects, and ranking these on a score of 1 to 3, with 3 = meets standard; 2 = somewhat meets standard; and 1 = does not meet standard, with a total of 15 points possible.

The questions that were addressed are as follows:

- Project addresses a clearly identified human services need in Redmond (including a significant percentage of the population.
- Demonstrates net value added. Measurable results and overall value of those results.
- Prevention focused (reduces problem in the future)
- Long-term focus on shifting a specific problem.
- Community Engagement

The attached table (Deep Impact Projects filter) shows the results of this discussion. There were four clear top-level projects identified, as follows:

• Expanding Neighborhood Schoolhouse or Family Net model (continue to Junior High and/or add another elementary school)

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• Supporting Nourishing Networks approach

• Job Training Model (examples: La Cocina Food Incubator Program, Fare Start and Moon

Town)

• Project Smart Turn – Court diversion for at risk youths with a mentorship component

It was recommended that Colleen and Brooke do some investigating on these top projects and

come back with more information at the next meeting of the Commission.

Round Robin Check-in

There were no further comments from each of the Commissioners.

New Business – 2012 Workplan

There was insufficient time at this meeting to cover this agenda topic.

Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the

Bytes Café.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT: Deep Impact Projects Filter